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Foreward

The paper you are now opening has been the object of much hard work. It is a souvenir to help you to remember Briscoe and, if you are not familiar with Briscoe doings, you may read it and get acquainted with our school and its workers. The purpose of our paper is to promote good fellowship among the students. In abbreviated form it is "OPEN SESAME TO BRISCOE." Read it and know us.

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Our Future at High School

With half joy and half regret we step on from our pleasant year at the Briscoe School to the new High School with its broader life and new associations.

We each branch out on our our path to follow the course we have planned for our later life.

Some of us will take the Business Course with commercial life in view, some others will take the college or Normal Preparatory course with the prospect of higher education, still others will take the Practical Arts Course to learn to work at some trade. But which ever course we take, now we look forward to the many new association, new friend, new ways new ways of doing things and a broader development in the year to come.

Margaret Pope, Assistant Editor

John and Ted

John was a little ragged news-boy. His mother had died and his father mysteriously disappeared. The only pal John had was a little collie which he had found one day as he was walking down the alley. One day he was selling papers on the corner as usual when a man came up to him and asked him if he cared to earn five dollars. Five dollars was great amount to John, so of course he said, "Yes."

"Well," the man said, "Follow me."

John followed him until they came to a large hotel. At last the man spoke. "In room 313 is a German spy. You must go up and see what he is doing and tell me."

At that John knew he was an officer of the army. John climbed to the sky-light and he heard a number of voices. As he gazed into the room he turned pale for down there was his father bound with ropes and around the table were the spies.

Two hours had elapsed and he heard the commotion of chairs, then the door shut with a bang. John looked around to find his dog beside him. John said, "Go down there and untie father."

The dog seemed to understand. John tied some rope around him and lowered him until he reached the floor. The dog untied the binds and for a signal he wagged his tail. John pulled the dog and his father up but none too soon

for he heard the key turn in the lock and the spies came into the room.

When John got down to the hotel entrance he saw that the man was nervous so he told him about it.

The dog received a gold collar and he went around to show it to every dog he saw.

John got his cherished five dollars and also recovered his father.

George E. Glidden, P.A.

One way to do things right is by doing what you are told to do by your father, or mother, or your teacher. Some times you think that they are not good to you, but when you grow up you will find they told you right. If there are boys that you know who do not do as they are told keep away from them. Because if they do something that is not well and people see you with them they will think that you are as bad as they are. Work hard in school and you will come out all right.

Lloyd Corning

Teacher: Has anybody here ever ridden on a horse?

Pupil: Yes.

Teacher: Where?

Pupil: On a merry go round.

Annie Pelonzi, 8-C-2.

Pupil: It's a fine day for the race.

Teacher: What race?

Pupil: The human race.

Robert Bartlett



Practical Arts Printing Group

The Rotary Club Banquet

As we walked into the dining-room of the Y. M. C. A. to the Rotary Club banquet, we saw all the men in one corner of the room standing around the piano talking.

In the middle of the room were three tables, one short one at the head of the room, and two large ones reaching almost the whole length of the room.

After we were introduced to the different members the presiding officer called the meeting to order and each man took his place at the table. Before starting every one sang "America."

After we sang, we sat down to eat the food which was very good.

When we were through eating they had a meeting discussing whether they should have any thing to do with the Boy's Band or not.

After different men had told what they thought, they voted.

The result was they were to have nothing to do with it.

Then Mayor Stopford was called on to talk. He talked on how The Beverly High School would have charge of the city Saturday.

Captain Laffey was the speaker of the banquet. His talk was on

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Advisory Council

Class Notes

8-C-2

One of the most important subjects we have studied in Geography is clothing. We learn the dress of tribes across the sea and learn their fashions. We learn why they dress this way and what kind of clothing they must wear in order to be comfortable also what would happen if the tribes were taken from one place to another.

We have interesting work to do in typewriting. Work that requires all our attention. We all try as hard as we can to get a perfect copy and when our teach-

er dictates a letter we try and get it perfect.

In History we have just studied the Civil War. After all wars there is all the ruins to be repaired and money given to disabled soldiers and there is money to be given to the families of the killed soldiers. This is called reconstruction period but after the Civil War a harder task was in front of them because they had the seceded states back into the union.

8-C-2 is studying hard for co-operation. If every room tries as hard as we do, then Mr. Cronin would have no trouble in making co operation in the whole school.

Rotary Club Banquet

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the water system, fire alarm system, and the fire department of our city.

A town water system is supposed to be able to let out of the hose, four hundred and fifty tons of water a minute from the top of the highest hill.

Then he gave a description of the new fire fighting system and the old methods of fighting fires.

"In a small town there were two hand tubs about a mile from each other. Their names were 'The Butcher Boys' and 'The Bass River Boys.' One day there was a house on fire. The Butcher Boys were there first. When they put the hose in the water main they found it was dry. They also knew there would be a fight if the Bass River Boys got there and there was no water on the fire. They took the house by the sill and threw it into the river which was about three hundred feet away."

Captain Laffey said, "Instead of throwing the house into the river they are throwing the river into house."

"The fire alarm system," he said, "every one thinks will last forever, but it won't. It is like the rope that hung in the fire house to dry the hose. One day when returning from a fire they went to hang up the hose to dry. When the hose was half way up the rope broke. The end of the hose hit an old fellow on the head and put him in the hospital for awhile.

When it was reported to the captain who was an old fellow, he said, "There, that rope has been hanging there for fifty years and it didn't break until that old fellow came here to break it."

That shows how old fashioned the captain was.

Another thing he said was that we had one of the best fire departments in the state for a city of our size.

The affair was one that every one liked and enjoyed.

Elmer Smith P. A. 1
Pres. of the Advisory Council

James A. Cronin

J is for James, jolly and just.
A mbitous like him we'll all be,
I trust.
M anly and upright in our du-
ties to all.
E ver striving to rise, never dar-
ing to fall.
S cholars all take an example.

A im to work and play like him.

C ronin's his name, but some-
times,
R eferred to as Mr. Jim.
O n to another school soon we
go.
N ever to forget dear "Old
Briscoe"
I n memory our principal and
teachers hold dear
N ow all together! Let's give
them all a "Hearty Cheer".

Earl Robbins

Our First Year

When first we saw the excited children crowding through the doors of the Briscoe School we wondered, "How can all these children be accommodated?" but we changed our minds when we entered.

We interestedly listened to our first assembly. How proud we were to be able to nonchalantly announce. "We had an assembly today."

We all wished to be with a certain teacher but as usual were assigned to one we never heard of before. After the names were read the pupils followed the teachers to the home rooms. The Commercial and Practical Arts students found their way easily but the girls and boys in the new building had no such good luck. Staring them in the face was a long corridor with doors on each side. How would they know which was which?

As the months wore on we learned to love our school and be proud of it.

All this time vague rumors were floating around about a school paper. We had given up all hopes of having one when to our surprise some of the pupils went swaggering around with a look-at-me-I'm-a-reporter. Then came busy days. The children worked like fury trying to pass in a better story than someone else.

After this we had several extraordinary assemblies. Mr. Dahlwani proved to be very enter-

taining and the editor of the Beverly Evening Times supplied us with much food for thought.

We had an assembly every week and an entertaining one at the end of the month.

Much to our dismay we were not to have graduation but a special assembly with everyone in it.

We were still worrying over our cherished Briscoe Briefs but it was soon a source of delight rather than worry.

Much as we hated to start school we hate more to leave. We only hope that the seventh grade will value the school at its full worth.

The Eight Grade

At Eventide

Dusk slowly falls upon the shore;
The restless sea does ebb its tide;
While gently the peasant-mother
sings o'er and o'er
To the Cooing babe in the rude
cradle by her side.
The moon just brightens in the
east;
And shines upon the Duke's wedding feast.
Mother Nature closes the eyes of
her flowers;
The lanterns blink in lighthouse
towers.
All is hushed, all is quiet and
still;

Lillian Axelrod

How many of the students of the Briscoe School know that the original painting of The Spirit of '76 is five miles from Beverly? It is in Abbot Hall in Marblehead.



Faculty

Class Notes

8-C-3

Miss Shatswell's class of Business Practice are filing cards of the pupils' names. When they are made the class is going to arrange them in alphabetical order.

The captain of the volley ball is Catherine Townsend. Her team has won five games, lost two, and is fourth on the schedule.

8-C-4

Helen Taylor of 8-C-4 has left school on account of illness in the family. Those who wish to correspond with her will please write to this address: 480 West Central St., Franklin

8-C-4 is proud to say that there were five contestants who represented her in the speaking contest.

All of these were girls: Alice Pelletier, Alice Milne, Margaret Milne, Mary Bunk and Antonetta Addonizio, of which Antonetta Addonizio and Mary Bunk won the prizes.

The Honor Roll Pupils numbered six in all. Also there are two boys who have not been absent tardy, or dismissed the whole year.

8-G-3

The class is studying infinitives with Miss Upton.

Miss Lapham is reading to us about some people going from

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We have had two hundred percents in banking for April.

The class are finishing up their Evangeline Book Covers.

7-5

The class is making a spring booklet. They write spring stories and poems in it. They have a spring alphabet.

7-5 volley ball team has played seven games and has won them all.

We have had no tardy marks so far this year.

Class Notes of 7-1

7-1 won four games out of six in Volley Ball.

Two of our pupils are members of the orchestra.

We all enjoyed the story of Bobby's Bank Account in the last copy of the Briscoe Briefs which was written by Mary Bunk. We will all try to profit by it this summer. There were four girls and fourteen boys not absent from our room for the month of April.

In geography our room has begun the study of South America. Miss Barker chose two people as map drawers for the class. Their work is to draw maps for the pupils in the room. She let the rest of the pupils in the room draw subjects to lecture on. The subject they drew they have to talk on for forty minutes. Some of the subjects are on Bolivia, Argentina, and Brazil. If the pupil who has to recite on a subject wishes a map, the map drawers have to do it.

Enid A. Cole, 7-4

Farewell Briscoe

We, the children of the eighth grade now bid farewell to the Briscoe School and we hereby wish to extend our appreciation to our Principal and teachers for their guidance and untiring efforts to prepare us for the higher grades.

We have studied and labored and with the help of our Principal and teachers have finished the Briscoe school grades. Now that we are through and are about to leave, we are sorry the time has come to say good-by.

We all appreciate and are thankful for what they have done for us.

We also say Farewell to our seventh grade companions and feel sure that their next year at the Briscoe School will be an enjoyable and successful year.

Anastatia Schoenky.
8-G-3

On Thursday, May 13, Mr. Leavitt of the Rotary Club came to the Briscoe School. We, the pupils, assembled in the hall. Mr. Leavitt said that he had come to talk to us. He said that many boys and girls were killed because of their carelessness. He told us many interesting things and then ended by saying he had some poems for the girls and boys. We enjoyed his visit and were very sorry when he left. We hope to hear him again before the year is over.

Mary Bunk, 8-C-4

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Briscoe School Orchestra

JOKES

Teacher: Just imagine you are a real estate agent. You wish to sell a house to a man in Boston; write a letter to him telling him what a fine place Beverly is. Yes, Alice?

Alice: We have a good hospital and a great big cemetery!

8-C-4

One day in English we were writing on the board. Miss Anderson was dictating the sentences.

Elmer Keach's sentence was "Draw a map of South America" Elmer started drawing finally he said "I can't draw it."

One day in arithmetic Miss Copland said, "If some of you don't put your date on your papers you will have a date with me after school."

May

May is here for not very long,
Bluebirds are singing their
sweetest songs,

They are here till September and
gone by November

They go to the South where the
weather is warm

They go to the land of the duck
and the swan.

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with a grin.

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John Donnelly 7-2

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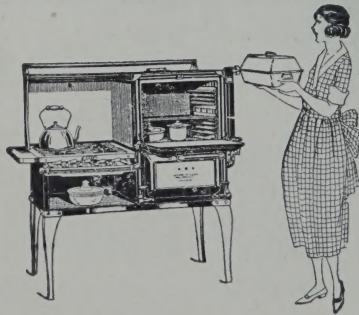
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